



## Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Update – November 4, 2008

We are currently in the information and data collection phase of the project, and much has been accomplished. Thank you to all of those who helped spread the word about the survey and to those who provided input.

To date, we have accomplished the following:

- Researched literature on best practices for assessment of young children and on various types of large-scale kindergarten assessment processes used nationwide and by other states.
- Conducted interviews and surveys with Washington school districts and schools already conducting some form of kindergarten assessment to learn about their local experiences and suggestions related to a statewide process.
- Held conversations with Tribal leaders, early learning experts, cultural competency experts, and members of the Washington State Association of Head Start & ECEAP
- From October 21 – November 1, hosted an online survey for stakeholders across the state to complete. The survey gathered input regarding the planning for a statewide kindergarten assessment process. More than 1400 individuals responded to the survey. The online survey was also available in Spanish.
- Provided opportunities for individuals to share input via the phone, in English and Spanish, regarding the planning for a statewide kindergarten assessment process. Approximately 20 individuals called to provide input.

SRI International, our contractor, is analyzing and synthesizing the data and information obtained through the literature review, interviews and surveys, and is developing a draft report with recommendations.